

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 744
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Byrl Curtis Logan of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Byrl Curtis Logan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrl C. Logan was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Indiana, Byrl Logan was a graduate of the College of Business at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he was a star athlete. Attending UT on an athletic scholarship, Mr. Logan was Captain of the 1939 Volunteer Basketball team, which won the first SEC Championship for the university; and

WHEREAS, a well rounded college student, Byrl Logan also ran track, was a Torchbearer, an ROTC commanding officer, and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity; and

WHEREAS, a member of our nation's greatest generation, Mr. Logan proudly served his country during World War II in the United States Army, entering the service as a Second Lieutenant assigned to the command of General Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, after fighting ceased, Mr. Logan served as head of the central purchasing office of the Armed Forces in the Pacific, rising to the rank of Major. He also served in Japan and China as part of the advance team for economic development; and

WHEREAS, returning stateside, Mr. Logan served from 1946 to 1948 as an Assistant to the Dean in the College of Business Administration at UT before entering the private sector as a Sales Manager for Supreme Foods. In 1952, he was named Vice President and Sales Manager

for C.M. McClung, and, in 1954, he became General Manager and Head of Personnel for Rich's department store; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Byrl Logan continued his successful rise in the business world when he was named Vice President in charge of operations, personnel, sales promotions, and marketing for Miller's department store. A highly sought after business executive, he left Miller's to join H.T. Hackney & Co. as a Vice President under Mr. C.E. Harris, serving 15 years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed retired businessman, Byrl Logan was also a recognized and beloved leader in his community, often lending his time and considerable talents to numerous public endeavors and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, over the years, his civic service included heading the Knoxville Metropolitan Recreation Council and serving as Chairman of the Knoxville Transit Authority, President of the Knoxville Tourist Bureau, and board member of Knoxville's Community Improvement Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Logan served as a member of the East Tennessee advisory committee for Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Chairman and President of United Fund-Red Cross, and Chairman of Baptist Hospital's Board of Directors. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Sales Executive Club, Holston Hills Country Club, and the Quarterback Club of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, as Vice President of the Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts, Mr. Logan received the Silver Beaver Award and Knoxville's Outstanding Service Award for his dedication to altruism and philanthropy; Mr. Byrl C. Logan further served as President of the Friendship Force, Chairman of the Better Business Bureau, and President of the Industrial Council; and

WHEREAS, proud of his alma mater, Byrl Logan served on the UT Development Council and Chancellor's Associates and was a former treasurer of the University of Tennessee Alumni Association and a member of the University of Tennessee Lettermen's Club; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Mr. Logan was a valued member of the Board of Baptist Hospital, the University Club, Club LeConte, and the Spiritual Heritage Board; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual man and deacon at Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Mr. Logan served Fifth Avenue Baptist Church faithfully for many years as a teacher and Sunday School Superintendent. Instrumental in bringing the legendary Billy Graham Crusade to Knoxville, Mr. Logan organized a Bible Study group at that time which continued for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Byrl Logan was also deeply devoted to his family; he was preceded in death by his parents, James Arnold Logan and Marjorie Knott Bias, his brother, John Logan, and his first wife, Elizabeth McKelder Logan; and ,

WHEREAS, Mr. Logan is survived by his wife Onibe Ivens "Fritzi" Logan, his daughters and sons-in-law, Lucinda and Allen McCay and Jennifer and Dan Brown, his son, John Logan, and his son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Karen Logan, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Byrl C. Logan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Byrl Curtis Logan, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Logan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.